

Letter from the editor

Roanoke and oversharing on social media

On Aug. 26, a few hours after the tragic news confirming the deaths of two Virginia journalists on live TV began circulating, several of my Facebook friends disappeared.

Their faces were obscured by the familiar colored bars that often flicker on tv screens when an interruption occurs. It was meant to be a sign of solidarity. These accounts belonged to professional journalists, professors and fellow students.

Their intentions hit home. Often, these individuals share small snapshots of their lives or daily accomplishments in the field and classroom. That day, they all shared expressions of shock and grief.

It's not the first time a profile

picture has recently served as a pseudo picket sign. Just two months ago, several familiar faces donned rainbow colors to celebrate the legalisation of same sex marriage. Two years earlier, the Human Rights Campaign's equals symbol replaced many of the same pictures.

The Black Lives Matter movement slogan has also served as the identifying picture for several of its supporters. Others donned hoodies as a visual way of saying the familiar "Hands Up, Don't Shoot."

These profile pictures form a united front of people simultaneously celebrating or mourning an event.

It's strange when these acts of compassion are forced to share space with the latest in internet cat news or the first signs of pumpkin spice everything. It's hard to take these purported profile pictures seriously when the users behind them are simultaneously promoting top 10 lists and pictures of their night out.

This is why extra care needs to be taken when deciding to make a stand

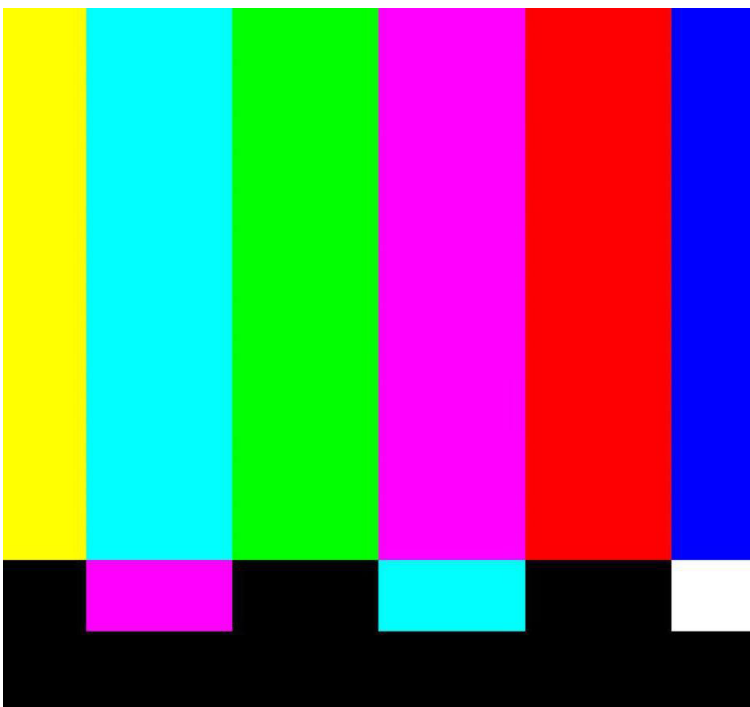
for our convictions on social media. These symbols were created for a reason, normally out of the raw emotions of anger, fear or hope. They lose meaning when posted to loosely identify with a movement or event you may be several thousand miles from.

This is why I chose not to switch my current picture. I simply didn't feel comfortable condensing the scope of the tragedy into a tiny square on my personal Facebook page.

However, I have absolutely no doubts behind the respectable intentions of my peers and professors who chose to show their collective disbelief under the color bars.

In fact, their decisions perhaps better illustrates the unfair push and pull of life as a journalist. The job entails sifting through and engaging with an enormous range of human emotion every day.

When working with these materials so closely for weeks on end, the good and the bad are bound to stick with you.



The day of the Roanoke Virginia shooting, several journalists changed their Facebook profile pictures to tv color bars to recognize the three victims.

Why colleges should report sex crimes, pronto, to police and prosecutors

Courtesy of Chicago Tribune

Sexual assault has doubtless occurred on college campuses at least as long as there have been coeducational institutions. But only in recent years have schools, students and parents begun to grasp just how prevalent it is. A recent Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation poll found that 20 percent of female students say they have been sexually assaulted _ as do 5 percent of men. Some people argue with the polling, but these attacks are a genuine problem.

Universities have been forced to address it, not always with satisfactory results. Most victims don't report the attacks, and most schools don't conduct surveys to determine the extent of the problem. A Columbia University undergraduate carried a mattress around campus and in the commencement ceremony to dramatize her alleged rape by a fellow undergraduate who was cleared in a university investigation. The accused has sued Columbia for sex discrimination under the federal law known as Title IX, arguing that it failed to support him as it would have a woman in comparable circumstances.

Thanks to Title IX, the federal government has a role in how these matters are addressed. But a survey commissioned by a U.S. Senate subcommittee found that

"many institutions are failing to comply with the law and best practices in how they handle sexual violence among students." Congress is considering bills to impose new rules in an effort to reduce the number of attacks and help those who have been victimized.

A Senate bill sponsored by Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., with bipartisan sponsorship, would bring about some valuable changes. One is to require every school to survey students every two years _ and to publish the results. It would mandate minimum levels of training for school staffers responsible for investigating accusations and assisting victims. It would bar athletic departments from handling complaints about athletes. It would create financial penalties intended to provide a real impetus for universities to comply. All this is to the good.

What the bill lacks is a requirement or strong inducement for college officials to turn sexual assault complaints over to the people with the most resources and expertise in such matters: police and prosecutors. A House bill called the Safe Campus Act would assure both the accuser and the accused the right to hire lawyers at their own expense for disciplinary proceedings; those accused would also have a right to see the evidence against them.

Most notable, and contro-

versial, is a provision that would encourage college officials and security forces to report these alleged crimes to police. If an alleged victim declines to deal with law enforcement, the school would be barred from conducting its own investigation.

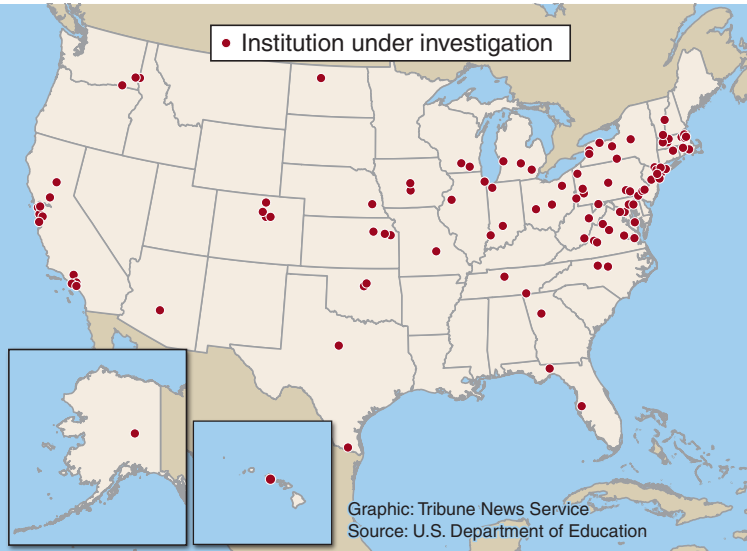
Some schools, fearful about their reputations or their potential liability if a victim sues, resist immediately turning over reports of serious crimes to law enforcement personnel. And the American Council on Education, representing some 1,700 colleges, has expressed concerns that some victims would choose to do nothing rather than deal with civil authorities.

Granted, every crime victim everywhere weighs the same worry _ Will I regret engaging the criminal justice system? _ before he or she calls the cops. Yet these incidents, first and foremost, involve profound allegations that a perpetrator has violated not extralegal campus creeds, but our state or federal criminal laws.

The advantages of involving police and prosecutors from the outset are obvious: They have forensic resources, investigative skills, extensive experience and legal powers that colleges lack. All of which makes it easier for civil authorities to establish the truth about these incidents _ and to impose consequences. A college can do nothing more than expel

Title IX investigations

The Department of Education is investigating 112 cases at 105 higher education institutions for possible civil rights violations in the handling of sexual violence and harassment cases.



a rapist, who may then commit new crimes, while police can take him off the streets. This bill won the endorsement of the National District Attorneys Association.

The concern that victims wouldn't come forward makes it especially important for schools to provide the kind of active assistance to victims envisioned in the Senate bill. It's also vital for police and prosecutors to handle these cases with dispatch and sensitivity, which would encourage more victims to report these crimes _ and not only by students. Young

women who don't attend college actually have a higher chance of being sexually assaulted than those who do enroll. But friendships and social media can educate everyone in this age cohort about which police and prosecutors treat these cases seriously, and which ones don't.

The bottom line here is that universities and colleges have to do more to address the dangers of sexual assault and protect students. They also have to recognize that they can't _ shouldn't _ do that job alone.

Spotify Playlist

It's been three weeks since the start of school. If you're a returning student, you may have settled back into old routines and picked up a few new ones along the way. For first timers, the small town feel, diverse range of people and of course, tripping on the bricks could still be a learning process.

Below are 10 songs compiled for their relevance to campus life. What songs do you use to soundtrack your walks to class? Let us know on our Facebook Page.

"Barton Hollow"
The Civil Wars

If you've driven over the bridge over Shoal Creek, you'll have seen the way the trees form a natural arch over it. "Barton Hollow" gives the feel of walking through a swamp land to flee an unfavorable fate, but instead of fleeing fate, you're meeting it head on.

"Green Aisles"
Real Estate

"All those wasted miles/all those aimless drives through green aisles" perfectly describes the sense of escape one gets driving on tree lined 119 to Alabaster. It's truly college when trips to Wal-Mart and Taco Bell turn therapeutic. And later into cherished memories.

"Revolution"
The Beatles

There are many organizations and causes to get swept up in on campus. "Revolution" was written as John Lennon's response to the Vietnam War. What will your revolution be?

"Windsurfing Nation"
Broken Social Scene

Montevallo is home to strong music, theater and art departments that constantly showcase their talent with events throughout the year. This song captures that creative spirit and turns it into a cannonball of explosive pride and defiance.

"Ghosts"

Made In Heights

One thing that makes Montevallo unique is the presence of our ghosts. Whether it's Condie in Main Hall or Edmund King in King's House. Don't worry, they're harmless.

"Silver Joy"
Damien Jurado

This quiet ditty centers around the sweetly serene promise of sleeping late on the weekends. Turn it on as you fall into bed after turning up to all of your other Friday night jams.

"The Hills"
The Weeknd

The hills are alive with the sound of students groaning. If you live in New Res, Peck or Lund, climbing the hills is a daily task that will take some getting used to.

"Something More Than Free"
Jason Isbell

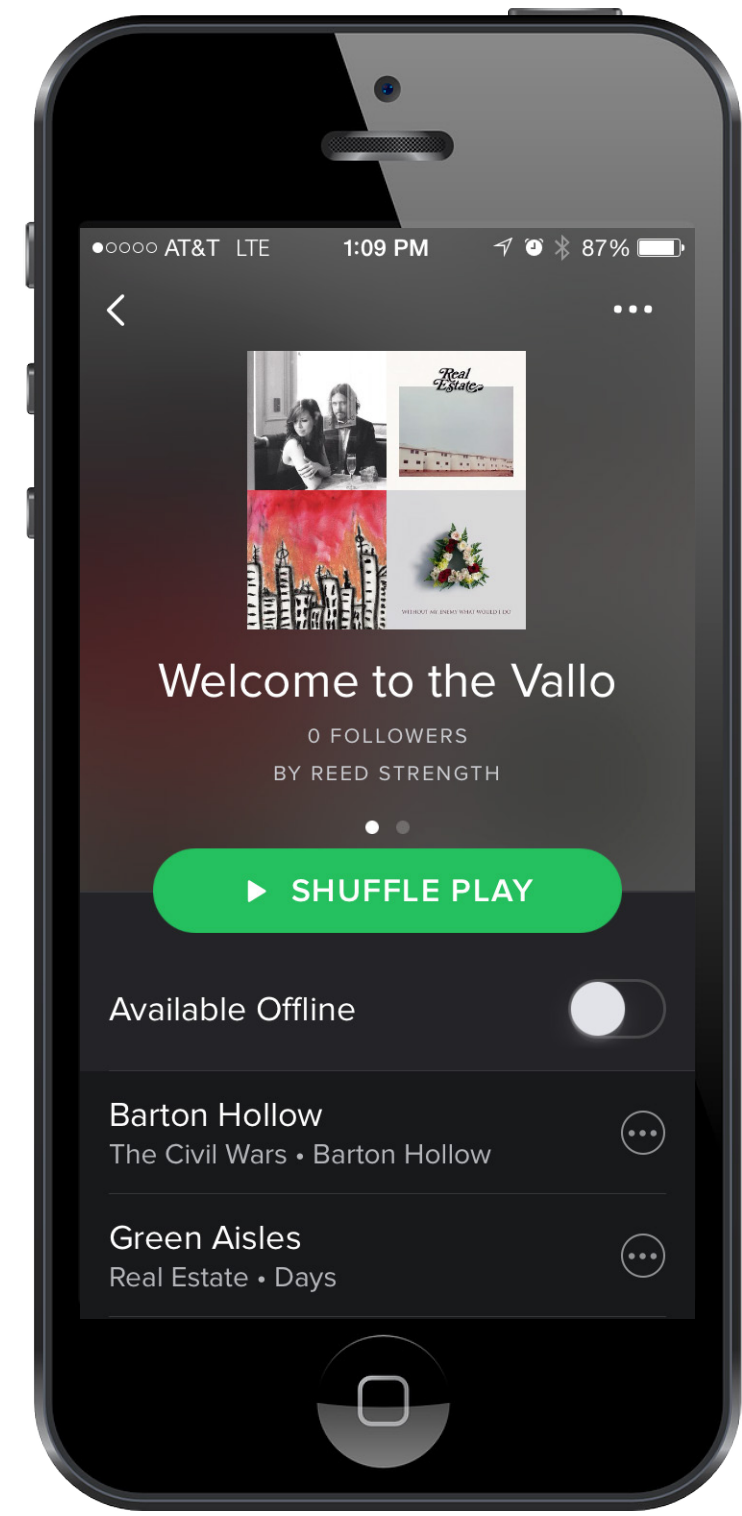
Jason Isbell's ode to the blue collar spirit is a reflection of the community surrounding our unique university. This one's a raised glass to the hardworking folks we share this slice of small town Alabama with.

"Heard About You Last Night"
Mogwai

This was once a soundtrack to an exhausted walk back to Napier after a particularly late night in the Student Publications office. It stretched what should've been a five minute stroll into a mysterious wandering.

"400 Lux"
Lorde

Prepare to fall in love. The character in the town of Montevallo alone is enough to make it worthy of being called a second home. From the "roads where the houses don't change," to the way you can "talk like there's something to say," you'll never want to leave.



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“Trying to get each device to connect the same way is almost impossible. So, a lot of effort has been put into getting people connected, especially those with MacBooks,” said Gray.

With this solution in mind, Gray and his team re-launched the network as FalconNet 2 on Aug 27. The simpler system removed the security certification process altogether and now allows students to connect to the Ruckus access points with their forUM username and password.

However, Gray recognizes the presence of a nagging problem with the new network. A glitch forces users to re-login every time they move to a new area on campus. A patch has been ordered to fix the glitch as soon as possible and will establish a connection that should

last an entire year without reauthentication.

Despite the complications, Gray shared positive findings. “Right now, more students are connected with more devices using more bandwidth at higher speeds than ever before at Montevallo,” he said.

On Friday, Sept. 2, Gray reported that nearly 1100 devices were connected at 11 p.m. and used 500 megabytes of internet for “everything from research to ‘Halo 4.’”

Gray said the improvements wouldn’t have happened without his team who work “tirelessly around the clock to make sure student wifi issues are addressed.”

He said it was a conscious decision to set up a local support number rather than force stu-

dents to call outsourced offices in Florida or New Jersey.

For the future, Gray said there are still many improvements to implement before next semester.

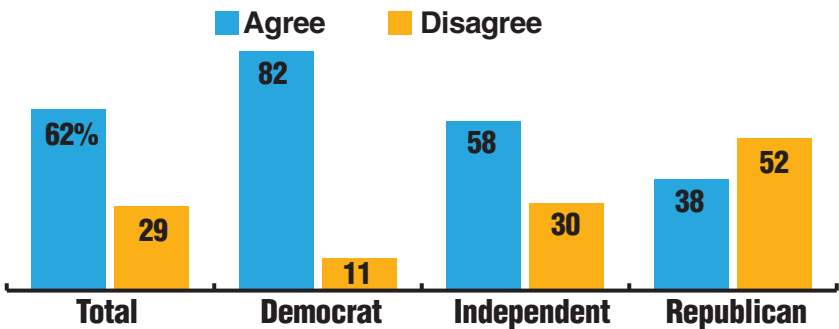
Gray said the wireless access points in the academic buildings will need a major update, as they are not properly connecting to Ruckus and are overwhelmed by the number of devices students are carrying around.

Throughout the improvement process, Gray said a formal help desk will remain established in Farmer to help students at the beginning of the semester.

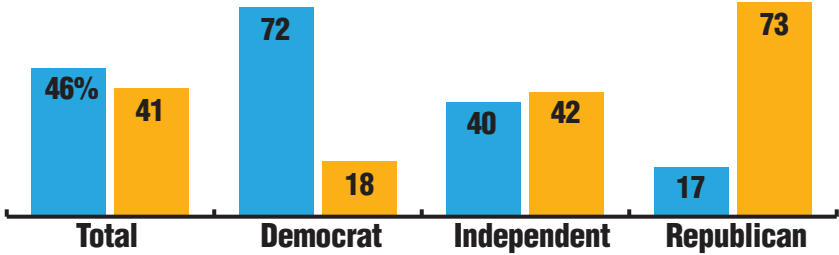
“I do not anticipate that problems will continue,” said Gray. “Rather, we will work out the glitches and people will continue to have a positive internet experience.”

Borrowing for college

A recent survey asks the public: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: No family and no student should have to borrow to pay tuition at a public college or university.



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Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis leaves jail; judge orders her not to interfere with marriages

By BILL ESTEP and JACK BRAMMER
Lexington Herald-Leader

GRAYSON, Ky. — Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis emerged from the Carter County jail Tuesday afternoon flanked by Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee and her attorney, who pledged that Davis would continue her stand against same-sex marriage.

Davis will not resign and neither will she “violate her conscience,” said Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel, a nonprofit litigation firm that represents Davis.

Davis, an Apostolic Christian, then took the stage at a rally outside the jail, where she thanked hundreds who stood in the heat to support her.

“I just want to give God the glory,” Davis said, urging the crowd to “keep on pressing; don’t let down because he is here.”

U.S. District Judge David L. Bunning issued an order releasing Davis from custody early Tuesday afternoon, five days after he jailed her for refusing to issue marriage licenses.

Bunning took the action after attorneys for same-sex couples who had been refused licenses by Davis reported to the judge that a deputy clerk had issued licenses to three couples involved in the complaint. However, Bunning also instructed Davis not to interfere, directly or indirectly, with the efforts of her deputy clerks to issue licenses.

If she does, it will violate his order, and he will consider sanctions, Bunning said.

Bunning also ordered attorneys for the five deputy clerks who agreed to issue licenses to send him a report every 14 days on how they have complied. He did not say when that reporting would end.

Staver noted the portion of Bunning’s order that warned Davis

not to stop deputies from issuing licenses, but he said “the problem is today the same as it was when this case began: Her name and her authority is on a license, and it’s issued under the authority of the clerk of Rowan County. And it’s issued under the authority of Kim Davis’ name.”

“She cannot allow her name to be associated with something that conflicts with God’s laws, Staver said. “Today Kim Davis is a free woman but her conscience did not change ... to get freedom.”

Staver said Davis would return to work this week, but he said she would “not violate her conscience.”

Staver recounted how Davis found religion after several past marriages, before declaring that Davis would not resign her \$80,000-a-year job.

“Kim Davis loves God. She loves people and she loves her job,” Staver said.

He added: “She will not resign that position.”

Randy Smith, an evangelist from Morehead, said supporters of Davis were excited by the news of her release. “They are absolutely elated,” he said.

Smith said he thought Bunning, who was appointed by former President George W. Bush, decided to release Davis, a Democrat, to ease the pressure on some Democratic politicians: Gov. Steve Beshear; his son Andy, who is running for attorney general; and Attorney General Jack Conway, the Democratic nominee for governor. Davis and her supporters have called on the governor to convene a special session of the Kentucky General Assembly to rewrite the state’s marriage laws.



(L to R) Joe Davis, Mat Staver, Kim Davis and Mike Huckabee at a rally outside the Carter County Detention Center in Grayson, Ky., on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015.

Pablo Alcala/Lexington Herald-Leader/TNS

Beshear told reporters Tuesday afternoon in Lexington that he was glad Davis was out of jail and said he didn’t think her religious liberties ever were challenged.

“I took no joy at all in the fact that the clerk was in custody, but that was a matter between the judge and the clerk,” Beshear said after addressing an environmental conference.

Davis stopped issuing marriage licenses to any couples, gay or straight, after the Supreme Court ruled in June that same-sex couples have a legal right to marry. She has said that same-sex mar-

riage conflicts with her religious beliefs and that she could not issue a license under her name to a same-sex couple.

Beshear said state lawmakers probably would reconsider the state’s marriage laws during the 2016 General Assembly, which begins in January. He said he would never call a special legislative session on the issue “when we had 117 of 120 clerks complying with the law.” Beshear’s term as governor ends in December.

Asked whether he would sign an executive order to change the licensing process, Beshear said,

“We can make some changes in the forms, but I can’t change state law that says county clerks issue marriage licenses.”

Martin Cothran, spokesman for The Family Foundation, said releasing Davis didn’t change the threat to religious freedom.

“There is no indication that the next person who exercises his or her First Amendment right to free religious exercise will not be thrown in jail, too,” Cothran said.

He called for strengthening Kentucky’s religious-freedom protections. “We need to make sure this doesn’t happen again,” he said.

Our September events beckon to you, dear reader

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| HOLY YOUTH DOMMEL MOSEL/GT Birmingham's dreamiest rocknroll | SEPT 12 9 P M |
| BILL COBB BOOKREADING EVENT From his newly published memoir | SEPT 16 4 P M |
| MERIDIAN ANOTHER BAND TBA Gentle, beautiful loop-based jams | SEPT 19 9 P M |
| FREE WINE TASTING YES I DID SAY FREE This event does not cost money | SEPT 21 5 P M |
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Fashion on the bricks

By: JASMYNE RAY,
MANAGING EDITOR OF CONTENT

What to wear, what to wear... Like figuring out where to move your bed in your dorm room, figuring out what to wear to class is a question that can stump even the smartest students. You want to make a statement, but have it look effortless. "It's easier to dress down because you can just wear Nike's," Bethany Mooney said. "But I like to dress up because it brings out your personality." Finding the balance between comfy and cute isn't as difficult as it seems. The key is taking a statement piece and dressing it down. The statement piece draws attention to you, but toned down it makes you approachable. Mooney, a sophomore elementary education collab major, had it right pairing a patterned white tank with high-waisted jeans and tan sandals. The print of the shirt catches your eye, but the jeans and sandals relax the look giving it a girl-next-door vibe. Mooney said she decides on her outfit by simply following her mood of the



Jasmyne Ray/ The Alabamian

feel of the day. She describes her style as "modern girly" and says the look was created from her excitement to wear the jeans, which she had just gotten from Hollister. To get Bethany's look, try medium wash jeans with muted bohemian prints at stores like Hollister, Belk, and Forever 21.

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Former UM student signs to Nashville label

By: CLARKE STACKHOUSE,
LAYOUT EDITOR

A former UM student is making moves in the music industry with her first EP, "Heartless," now available on iTunes. Jessica Rob-

erts, a current senior at Trevecca Nazarene University, signed with Lamor Records last October and is excited to see a lifetime of work pay off. Roberts said she has been sing-

ing ever since she can remember and always enjoyed writing songs and music. The music is what initially drew her away from Montevallo to Nashville. "When I was at Montevallo,

I realized I wasn't doing what I wanted," Roberts said. "I wasn't going to class and had always dreamed of moving to a big city after high school." Roberts said she doesn't regret her time at Montevallo and was happy that it led her to Nashville and her budding music career. She began college at Trevecca Nazarene University pursuing a degree in media arts and music business and started playing her music in different venues around the city. "Nashville isn't like what you see in tv and the movies," Roberts said. "No one in the music industry actually goes to music events, but everywhere you go you meet people who know people." That's what Roberts said she has been doing, meeting people. She said many of the people she has met is because of the faculty at Trevecca, and sending demos to many labels around the city. Roberts said she mostly sent her music to independent labels and wasn't interested in signing with a larger label. She said she wanted the more hands on attention a smaller label could provide. According to Roberts, she de-

cided to sign with Lamor because they were honest and seemed willing to help her and fight for her in the hard grit of the music industry. After signing, she said they started working on the song selection and recording "Heartless." "it's been a really busy year," Roberts said. "But I can sleep when I'm dead I guess." She said the studio they recorded in was the same studio Taylor Swift recorded her sophomore album, "Fearless." "I felt like I wasn't suppose to be there," Roberts said. "It's the most of a celebrity I've felt." Roberts said she grew accustomed to the recording artist life and she doesn't feel like much has changed. She is excited to see the response to Heartless and is thankful for all the support she has received so far. "Sometimes I wish I could just go to school and come home and nap," Roberts said. "But if i wasn't doing this I would be bored and miserable." For more information on Roberts and her music you can visit her Facebook page and listen to her EP on iTunes.



Jessica Roberts attended UM during her freshman year from 2012-2013. She recently released a three song EP titled "Heartless" via the Nashville based Lamor Records. Courtesy of Jessica Roberts

Calender of Events

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| <p>Thursday, September 10</p> <p>6:00 p.m. NPHC 101 Comer Auditorium</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Game Night BCM</p> <p>Friday, September 11</p> <p>Friday & Saturday Ladies at the Lake BCM</p> <p>Friday & Saturday Man Trip BCM</p> <p>Women's Volleyball v. Spring Hill Varsity Field</p> <p>Saturday, September 12</p> <p>2:00 p.m. NPHC Alumni Reunion University Lake</p> <p>Women's Cross Country Invitational Cross Country Course</p> <p>Men's Cross Country Invitational Cross Country Course</p> <p>Sunday, September 13</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Women's Soccer v. Christian Bros Varsity Field</p> <p>Monday, September 14</p> <p>4:00 p.m. B.O.N.D. Interest Meeting Comer Commons</p> | <p>5:30 City Council Meeting Montevallo Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Intramural Flag Football Games Intramural Fields</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Active Minds Meeting Comer 205</p> <p>Women's Golf Full Moon Invitational Timberline Golf Club</p> <p>Men's Golf Full Moon Invitational Timberline Golf Club</p> <p>Tuesday, September 15</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Intramural Flag Football Games Intramural Fields</p> <p>Women's Golf full Moon Invitational Timberline Golf Club</p> <p>Men's Golf Full Moon Invitational Timberline Golf Club</p> <p>Wednesday, September 16</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Phi Boot Roota Interest Meeting Fraser Conference Room, Davis Hall</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Intramural Flag Football Games Intramural Fields</p> <p>5:30 p.m. FMLA Meeting Reynolds 226</p> | <p>7:20 p.m. Zeta Phi Beta Interest Meeting Comer 202</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Men's soccer vs Lee Varsity Field</p> <p>Thursday, September 17</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Intramural Flag Football Games Intramural Fields</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Montevallo Young Democrats Meeting Farmer Hall Meeting Room</p> <p>Friday, September 18</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Kick Out Stigma Intramural Fields</p> <p>Saturday, September 19</p> <p>Women's Cross Country Falcon Classic Cross Country Course</p> <p>Men's Cross Country Falcon Classic Cross Country Course</p> <p>Monday, September 21</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Intramural Flag Football Games Intramural Fields</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Spectrum GSA Meeting Farmer Meeting Room</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Alpha Auction Comer Auditorium</p> | <p>Men's Golf Cougar Invitational Timberline Golf Club</p> <p>Tuesday, September 22</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Intramural Flag Football Games Intramural Fields</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Resonate BCM</p> <p>Men's Golf Cougar Invitational Timberline Golf Club</p> <p>Wednesday, September 23</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Zeta Phi Beta Knockerball Intramural Fields</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Intramural Flag Football Games Intramural Fields</p> <p>7:00 p.m. UPC 90's Roller Rink and Arcade Bibb Graves Gym</p> <p>Ongoing Mondays</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Amnesty International Meeting UMOM 220</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Korean Culture Club Meeting Reynolds 226</p> | <p>Tuesdays</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Resonate Worship Service Baptist Campus Ministry</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Secular Student Alliance Meeting Morgan-Comer Commuter Lodge</p> <p>Wednesdays</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Cafe Escape Baptist Campus Ministry</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance Meeting Reynolds 226</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Chess Club Meeting Hill House Classroom</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Whovian Society Meeting Comer 205</p> <p>Thursdays</p> <p>6:30 p.m. University of Montevallo Cosplay Association Comer 308</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Harry Potter Club Meeting Comer 205</p> |
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Greek bid days 2015



Newly Greek girls run towards the outstretched arms of their new sisters.

Bid days for the sororities and fraternities happened on Sunday Aug. 31 and Friday Sept. 5, respectively.

On Sunday, there were emotional scenes all around as the five Panhellenic organizations marched over to Palmer to welcome their new sisters. Each sorority had a theme: Delta Gamma drafted their new sisters onto their team, Chi O became fairies, Alpha Gamma Delta had a flower child vibe, Alpha Delta Pi were sporty with their baseball gear and the Phi Mu's were pretty in pink. There were plenty of happy tears, squeals of delight and hugs tight enough to cut off arm circulation.

The sports vibe carried over to fraternity bid day on Friday. Students walked on stage in a fashion similar to the NFL draft and selected the hat of the fraternity they were accepting a bid from amid cheers from their new brothers.

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Jarod Brumley gives a thumbs up for Lambda Chi Alpha

Donnie Bennett/ The Alabamian



Ashton Irvin flashes a warm smile to a new Phi Mu

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Alpha Gamma Delta proudly display their letters on Main Quad.

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Tyler Warlick gives a shoutout to his new brothers in FIJI.

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Chi Omega raises its flag high for Bid Day.

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A group of Delta Gammas give a huge welcoming hug to their new sister.

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